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SUBJECT: LEE VISIT TO INDONESIA

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IN DISCUSSION OF PM' S VISIT TO INDONESIA WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER RAJARATNAM YESTERDAY, NOTHING PARTICULARLY
NEW EMERGED ALTHOUGH HIS COMMENTS ON A FEW POINTS MAY BE
OF INTEREST:

1. IN CONTRADICTION TO WHAT INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR HAS
TOLD US, RAJARATNAM SAID ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE WAS
TOUCHED ON BUT TWO SIDES AGREED TO DISAGREE AND AWAIT
LOS. HE DID NOT SAY AT WHAT LEVEL IT WAS DISCUSSED, BUT
SAID TWO PRINCIPALS AVOIDED ALL CONTROVERSIAL MATTERS SO
PRESUMABLY MATTER AROSE AT TECHNICAL LEVEL OR IN COURSE
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OF DRAFTING COMMUNIQUE WHERE SUBJECT IS MENTIONED. RAJARATNAM SAID GOS HAD MADE IT CLEAR THEY COULD NOT ACCEPT ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT AND THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE SUPPORT FREE TRANSIT PRINCIPLE FOR STRAITS. HE THOUGHT GOI MIGHT BE ANGLING FOR A DEAL WHICH WOULD INVOLVE GOS SUPPORT FOR ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE IN EXCHANGE FOR GOI SUPPORTING FREE PASSAGE OF STRAITS, BUT HE DID NOT ELABORATE. IN ANY CASE, BOTH SIDES RECOGNIZED POSITIONS IRRECONCILABLE AND MATTER NOT DISCUSSED IN DEPTH. STATEMENT IN COMMUNIQUE THAT LEE " APPRECIATED IMPORTANCE ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE TO INDONESIA" SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS CHANGE OR WEAKENING OF GOS POSITION.

2. IT ALSO APPEARS THAT LEE' S REFERENCE IN TOKYO TO MULTILATERAL NAVAL TASK FORCE INCLUDING JAPAN WAS ALSO TOUCHED UPON. GOI WAS NOT RECEPTIVE TO IDEA OF GETTING JAPANESE INVOLVED MILITARILY IN AREA. IN EXPLAINING PM' S MULTILATERAL FORCE CONCEPT, RAJARATNAM SAID IT WAS CONSISTENT WITH LONG ESTABLISHED GOS POLICY OF WANTING ALL MAJOR POWERS ACTIVE IN THE REGION. SINCE JAPANESE NAVY LIKELY TO EXPAND AND PERHAPS SEEK ROLE IN PROTECTION OF SEA LANES, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR THEM OPERATE IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER NAVAL FORCES RATHER THAN ALONE WHICH WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO MOST SEA COUNTRIES. RAJARATNAM THOUGHT PM' S USE OF PHRASE " NAVAL TASK FORCE" UNFORTUNATE SINCE IT IMPLIED AN ACTIVE MILITARY MISSION, WHICH WAS NOT INTENDED. HE ALSO REFERRED TO POLITICAL SENSITIVITY OF JAPAN ON QUESTION OF ROLE OF MILITARY FORCES WHICH WAS REASON JAPANESE PRESS DID NOT PICK UP STORY. HE LEFT ME WITH IMPRESSION THAT PM HAD MADE AN OFFHAND REMARK ON SUBJECT WHICH TOOK EVERYONE BY SURPRISE INCLUDING HIS OWN PEOPLE.

3. ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION, RAJARATNAM SAID THERE HAD BEEN SOME DISCUSSION OF POSSIBILITY OF STEEL AND PULP PLANTS BUT GOS VIEW WAS THAT SUCH MAJOR PROJECTS WERE IMPRACTICAL AT THIS TIME AND WOULD REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE OUTSIDE CAPITAL AND FOREIGN MARKET OUTLETS. ON PROVIDING TRADE FIGURES (PARA 6 REFTTEL) HE SAID SUBJECT NOT DISCUSSED DURING VISIT BUT GOS HAD INDICATED THEY MIGHT PROVIDE ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS SELECTED DATA TO GOI ON CONFIDENTIAL

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REQUEST, BUT COULD NOT AGREE TO RELEASE DATA PUBLICLY.

4. GOS EXPECTS EARLY FOLLOW UP IN FORM SERIES OF OFFICIAL LEVEL DISCUSSIONS ON VARIETY TECHNICAL SUBJECTS. CRONK

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